



RESUME

PERFORMANCE, WORKSHOP & RESIDENCY HIGHLIGHTS

- Performances, residencies and workshops at numerous schools & libraries nationally and internationally (100,000 children annually) – Singapore, Philippines, Guam, Alabama, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Texas, Missouri, New York, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C.
- Featured Speaker; American Association of School Librarians National Conference; Charlotte, NC, November 2009
- Featured Speaker; Encyclomedia Conference; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, September 2009
- Keynote Presenter; Tennessee Association of School Librarians Conference; Murfreesboro, TN, September 2009
- Featured Speaker; South Carolina Association of School Librarians Conference; Greenville, SC, March 2009
- North Carolina Garner Targets the Arts school tour, featured teller and workshop presenter; Raleigh, NC, March 2009
- “Handmade Tales” Seminar; American Library Association Conference; Anaheim, CA, June 2008
- “Kamishibai Story Theater” Session; International Reading Association; Atlanta, GA, May 2008
- Scholastic Book Fairs Philippines; All-Day Teacher Seminars; March 2008
- International Reading Association – Guam Council; Keynote Presentation; March 2008
- Savannah Children’s Book Festival Featured Author/Performer; Savannah, GA, November, 2007
- North Carolina Storytelling Festival Featured Storyteller; Raleigh, NC, September, 2007
- Alabama Library Youth Services statewide workshop for youth services librarians; Birmingham, AL; August, 2007
- American Library Association ALSC Storytelling Concert Featured Storyteller; Washington, D.C., 2007
- International Reading Association Conference presenter; Toronto, Canada; May 2007
- Ohio Youth Services Symposium statewide workshop for youth services librarians; Columbus & Cleveland, OH; May, 2007
- Florida Library Association Conference Presenter; Orlando, FL, April, 2007
- Louisiana Reading Association Conference; November 2006 & 2007
- Three Rivers Storytelling Festival Featured Storyteller; Pittsburgh, PA; August 2006
- Scholastic Book Fair Teacher Workshop Tour; Philippines; May, 2006
- St. Louis Storytelling Festival Featured Storyteller; St. Louis, IL; May, 2006
- Madison County Teacher’s Institute; Edwardsville, IL; March, 2006
- Riverwind Storytellers Whirlwind Weekend Featured Storyteller and Workshop Leader; March, 2006
- Virginia Storytelling Alliance Board Development and Marketing workshop; February, 2006
- Museums - New Orleans Museum of Art; Louisiana Children’s Museum, New Orleans, LA; Acadiana Children’s Museum, Lafayette, LA 1996-2005
- Audubon Institute: Audubon Zoo, Aquarium of the Americas, Louisiana Nature & Science Center; New Orleans, LA 1996-2009
- Louisiana State Library Summer Reading Tour; 1996-2009
- Louisiana Book Festival, Baton Rouge, LA; 2002-2007
- New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival; 1998-2008

PUBLICATIONS & RECORDINGS

- *The Gigantic Sweet Potato*; Pelican Publishing Company; 2010
- *Mama’s Bayou*; Pelican Publishing Company; 2010
- *Stories on Board: Creating Board Games from Favorite Tales*; Libraries Unlimited; 2010
- *Scared Silly: 25 Tales to Tickle and Thrill*; Libraries Unlimited; 2010
- *Madame Poulet and Monsieur Roach*; Pelican Publishing Company; 2009
- *The Cajun Cornbread Boy*; Pelican Publishing Company; 2009
- *The Story Biz Handbook: How to Manage Your Storytelling Career from the Desk to the Stage*; Libraries Unlimited; 2008
- *Tangram Tales: Story Theater Using the Ancient Chinese Puzzle*; Teacher Ideas Press; 2008
- *Handmade Tales: Stories to Make and Take*; Libraries Unlimited; 2007
- *Kamishibai Story Theater: The Art of Picture Telling*; Teacher Ideas Press; 2006
- *Story Fest: Crafting Story Theater Scripts*; Teacher Ideas Press; 2005
- *Telling Stories to Children*; National Storytelling Press; October, 2005 (contributing author)
- “The Chicken and the Librarian” story theater script from *Story Fest* featured on American Library Association website; February, 2007
- Former columnist for *Storytelling Magazine*, “Story Biz Express”
- *Jump, Jiggle & Jam ~ A Rhythmic Romp through Story Land* Audio CD; 2006
- *World Fiesta ~ Celebrations through Story and Song* Audio CD; 2004
- *Jambalaya - Stories with Louisiana Flavor* Audio CD; 2003
- Numerous articles printed in storytelling publications across the country; 1999-2008
- *Story Connection Express*; monthly e-zine for parents, teachers & librarians; over 11,000 subscribers
- *Dianne’s Passport Kids Club*; quarterly e-zine for kids; over 3,000 subscribers

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Southern Artistry Artist, Louisiana State Roster Artist, Louisiana State Touring Directory Artist & Mississippi Arts Demonstration Roster Artist
- *Jump, Jiggle & Jam* Winner of 2006 NAPPA Honors & 2006 Children’s Music Web Award; rave reviews in *Publisher’s Weekly* and *School Library Journal*, including *SLJ* “Audio of the Week” in October, 2006
- *World Fiesta* CD Winner of 2005 Children’s Music Web Award; rave reviews in *ALA Booklist* and *School Library Journal* including *SLJ* “Audio of the Week” in May, 2005
- *Jambalaya* CD Winner of 2004 iParenting Media Award, 2004 Children’s Music Web Award & 2005 Storytelling World Honor; rave reviews in *Publishers Weekly*, *School Library Journal* and *AudioFile Magazine*
- Awarded the Highlights Foundation Chautauqua Writer’s Retreat Scholarship; February, 2007
- Awarded the Paula Danziger Amber Brown Award by the Society of Children’s Book Writers & Illustrators; September, 2005
- Co-founder of Independent Children’s Artist Network (ICAN), Louisiana Storytelling Association, and South East Louisiana (SELA) Storytelling Guild
- Selected as “40 Under 40” by *Gambit Weekly*, Louisiana’s largest weekly newspaper
- Selected to participate in Kennedy Center workshop Artist as Educator: Planning an Effective Workshop for Teachers (Part 1) and Presenting an Effective Workshop for Teachers (Part 2); January 2005
- National Storytelling Conference; July 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003 (presenter), 2004, 2005 (presenter); 2007

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